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SUBJECT: CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES

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1. EMBASSY MADE REPRESENTATIONS REQUESTED IN REFTEL ON OCTOBER 29 TO LUC PUTMAN WHO IS CHIEF BELGIAN DELEGATE TO UNCTAD DISCUSSIONS ON CHARTER. HAVING HIMSELF BEEN AT NEW YORK THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN GROUP B AND THE 77, HE WAS FULLY FAMILIAR WITH THE U.S. POSITION.

2. PUTMAN SAID THAT THE BELGIAN POSITION CANNOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL THE TEXT OF THE FINAL PROPOSAL IS PUT BEFORE THE UNGA FOR A VOTE. IN GENERAL, ACCORDING TO PUTMAN, BELGIUM SUPPORTS THE U.S. POSITION AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH US TO DEVELOP AN ACCEPTABLE TEXT. AT THE FINAL VOTE, HOWEVER, PUTMAN SAID THAT BELGIUM WILL WORK IN CLOSEST COORDINATION WITH ITS EC PARTNERS.

3. COMMENT: PUTMAN APPEARS TO BE SIGNALLING US THAT IF FRANCE AND GERMANY AGREE ON A COMMON POSITION AT THE TIME OF THE VOTE, BELGIUM WILL SUPPORT THAT POSITION.

IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, FRANCE AND GERMANY DIFFER

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(WHICH THE BELGIANS BELIEVE WILL BE LIKELY), THEN

BELGIUM MIGHT BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO SUPPORTING A GERMAN-
U.S. POSITION. IN OUR VIEW, PUTMAN IS HIMSELF KEY TO
THE FINAL BELGIAN POSITION AND EFFORTS TO CULTIVATE
HIM COULD BEAR FRUIT FOR THE U.S. (PROVIDED FRANCE
AND GERMANY SPLIT ON THE ISSUE). FIRESTONE

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